



## TAKING THE ONE CHANCE.

COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S REMOVAL.

**Garfield Determined to Take Some of the Physician's Doubts, and Ready with her Husband to Take the Responsibility—The Patient's Debility and Critical Condition.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—It is no holiday that the President is about to make, nor is it the journeying of a convalescent. His removal from the White House, if it is undertaken at all, and there are doubts even now in the minds of the doctors as to its expediency, will be a last resort.

On the eve of this contemplated journey, the President is suffering, first, from an unhealed gunshot wound, the length of which is estimated at sixteen inches; second, from a compound fracture of the tenth and a contusion of the eleventh rib, made by the bullet in its course; third, from the presence in the body of a jagged lead bullet, not extracted, and traveling slowly downward; fourth, from a poisoned state of the blood, of which the inflamed palpit gland is a symptom; fifth, from the ganglionic abscess itself, which is now a mass as well as a result of trouble, and a discharging in seven channels, four opened by the surgeon's knife, and three that opened themselves, through the air, mouth, and nostrils. The health complication of the weak and dyspeptic state of the stomach, which has at times rejected all preferred food, and has been treated in the most delicate manner. For nearly three weeks the President has not swallowed a mouthful of solid food. The seventh item of anxiety and danger is the fearful debility brought on by the injury, and its physical consequences; and the eighth is the mental weakness resulting from the local and constitutional troubles. The physicians begin to fear also, the presence of an intermittent malaria fever, in addition to the inevitable traumatic fever occasioned by the effort of nature to repair the bullet wound.

It is proposed to lift him by bed, take down a long flight of stairs, carry some distance by stretcher or wagon, and finally convey 250 miles by rail, a man so weak and sick that he can scarcely turn his head from side to side, cannot lift his head at all, and is able to move his arms or legs only with difficulty and weariness. He is too feeble to bear the exertion of seeing the faces of his most beloved friends, and must make a journey from New Mexico specially to see him, was not admitted to the sick room. No Cabinet officer, except Mr. Talmage, has been present at the time immediately following the shooting. Besides the suffering beyond his strength to have his children seen quickly by his side, the surgeon's skill is required in order to increase the speed of his pulse. Food is necessary, and he takes it as it is prescribed, but has no healthy appetite or relish for what he eats. The words "no" are not constantly painful to an acute degree, but the frequent dressings are distressing and exhausting. The surgeon's skill is required to remove what alone has brought a strong man low. The original injury has made little progress for ten days. Where the patient stands, the incident has not yet been fully understood, but especially by mid-cause washes. But this, though almost necessary, is still out of the question, as the physicians are bound to the belief that they bestow the greatest responsibility. Some of the Cabinet think that at the moment, when the order was given, the President was determined. She recognizes the probability of death if her husband remains any longer broached. She has said that she would rather stand by him than be removed, and has stopped on the tracks in the open country for several hours. The locomotive whistle and bell were the only sounds to break the quiet and only antithesis could be turned to the ear. The engineer is one of the oldest in the service, and has had much experience in such emergencies, having been a member of the crew of the steamer "Columbia," which will enable him to start and stop the train without any jar. The train will pass under the control of the engineer, and will be run by him. The engine is to be started and stopped by the engineer, and the train will be passed to him by the conductor. The engineer will be assisted by the fireman, and the train will be run off to a distance. The stops will be few and protracted as the physicians require.

The train will not stop here, but will go around to Bay View, where it will be removed by Mr. Crawford, the Philadelphia-Wilmington expressman, who has been engaged to remove the sides between here and Washington, so as to leave ample room for stretcher and otherwise disposing of the invalid. An engine and a flatcar are to be sent about two-thirds of the distance from here to Washington and Bremen there is but a single track. The engine will be run by the fireman, and the train will be removed, so as to leave ample room for stretcher and otherwise disposing of the invalid. The engineers and firemen are well known. They cannot be used forever.

It will be understood, then, why the doctors must be relieved of their painful duties. If he is removed, there is bare possibility that he may recover.

While the physicians have decided upon the removal of the President, they hesitate to take the great responsibility. Some of the Cabinet think that at the moment, when the order was given, the President was determined. She recognizes the probability of death if her husband remains any longer broached. She has said that she would rather stand by him than be removed, and has stopped on the tracks in the open country for several hours. The locomotive whistle and bell were the only sounds to break the quiet and only antithesis could be turned to the ear.

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This is the only course, however, that the President's condition will permit.

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